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Office Action Summary

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ASTROM, GUNNAR

Examiner

Tania C. Courson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some. * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The first non-final rejection for claims 1-7 of the last Office action (mailed March 8, 2005) is withdrawn based on the remarks filed on May 5, 2005. The first non-final rejection is being reissued in this paper.

Specification

2. The disclosure remains objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01. Lines 3-4 of section VII of MPEP § 608.01, specifically states "Examples of a hyperlink or a browser-executable code are a URL placed between these symbols "<>" and http:// followed by a URL address."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Broyles et al (US 6,714,628).

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Broyles et al. disclose in Figures 1-2 (See also attachment A, where numerals A-C have been added by the examiner), a marking grid comprising:

- a) a frame (10) within which several ribs are arranged (A), wherein at least some of the ribs are elastic (column 3, lines 8-19);
- b) wherein some of said several ribs are broader (B), with a regular number of narrower ribs (A) arranged therebetween (Fig. 1);
- c) wherein the grid is rectangular with two long sides (C), between which said several ribs (A) are connected, and two short sides (B), of which one (C) is distinguishably different from the other (B);
- d) wherein the grid is provided with markings that show the ordinal number of the respective rib (column 6, lines 6-8);
- e) wherein the grid is radiopaque (column 1, line 65 through column 2, line 5);
- f) wherein the grid is made from a material that is visible in a magnetic resonance tomography (column 1, lines 7-9);
- g) wherein the grid is made from a material that is visible in a positron emission tomography (column 1, lines 7-9);
- h) wherein the underside of the grid at least partly is provided with an adhesive (column 3, lines 45-53);
- i) wherein the underside of the frame is provided with an adhesive (column 3, lines 45-53).

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With respect to the preamble of the claim 1: the preamble of the claim has not been given any patentable weight because it has been held that a preamble is denied the effect of a limitation where the claim is drawn to a structure and the portion of the claim following the preamble is a self – contained description of the structure not depending for completeness upon the introductory clause. *Kropa v. Robie*, 88 USPQ 478 (CCPA 1951).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Broyles et al. in view of Ecklund et al. (US 2,245,469).

Broyles et al. disclose a marking grid, as stated above in paragraph 4.

Broyles et al. do not disclose wherein one short side is broader than the opposite short side.

Ecklund et al. teach a marking device including wherein one short side is broader than the opposite short side (Fig. 8). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further modify the marking grid of Broyles et al.,

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so as to include one short side broader than the opposite short side, as taught by Ecklund et al., so as to provide additional space to place advertisement.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed May 5, 2005 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Broyles et al. (US 6,714,628) based on a different interpretation from the one found in the first office action and furthermore in view of Ecklund et al. (US 2,245,469)..

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The prior art cited on PTO-892 and not mentioned above disclose a marking device:

Akerfeldt et al. (US D507,053 S)

Ziegfeld (US D142,608)

Nelson (US 5,444,920)

Hayward (US 4,455,749)

Picciotto (US 4,171,573)

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tania C. Courson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2239.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego Gutierrez, can be reached on (571) 272-2245.

The fax number for this Organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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FIG. 1

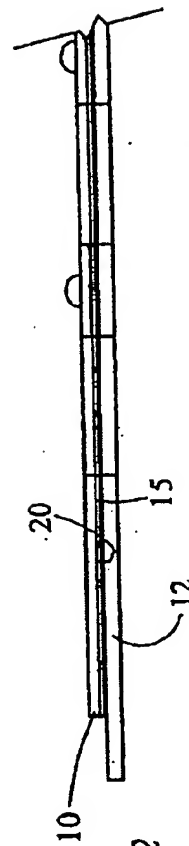
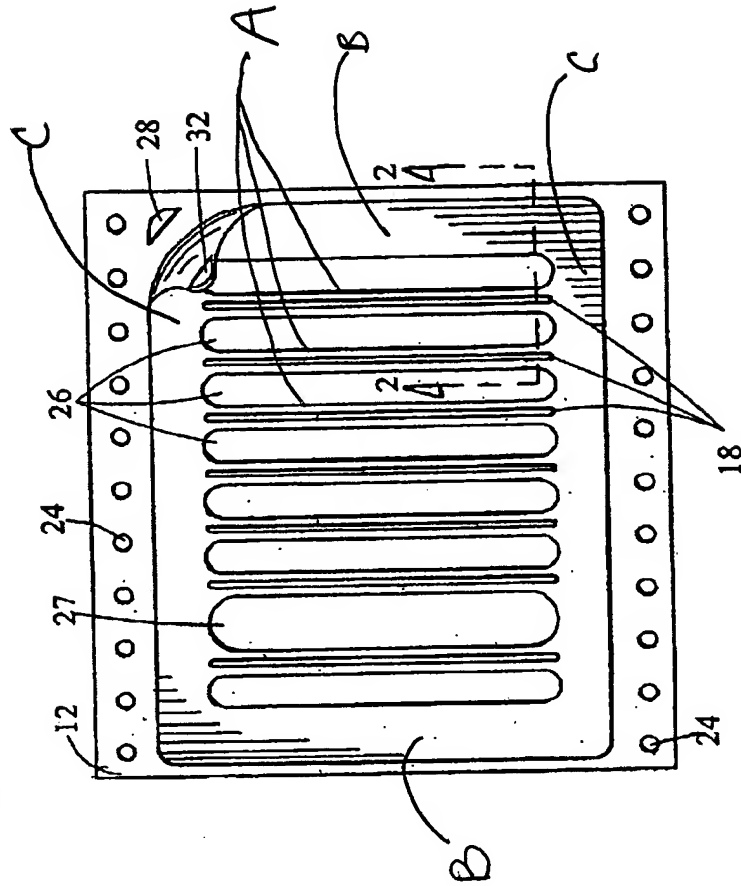


FIG. 2